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FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2399

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, TC, UK

SUBJ: MAHDI TAJIR'S SHARE IN COSTAIN

REF: A. BEIRUT 15385 B. BEIRUT 15400

1. APPRECIATE BEIRUT'S INFORMATION ABOUT TAJIR'S INVESTMENTS.

TAJIR NOW UAE CITIZEN WHOSE ETHNIC BACKGROUND VARIOUSLY GIVEN  
AS IRANIAN, BAHRAINI-ARAB-SHIA, AND HADHRAMAUTI.

2. HE HAS PROMOTED COSTAIN'S INTERESTS IN DUBAI FOR YEARS, AND  
AT LEAST AS FAR AS PROFIT TAKING IN DUBAI IS CONCERNED,  
HAS EXCELLENT REASONS TO QUOTE VIEW THEIR FUTURE  
PROSPECTS WITH GREAT OPTIMISM UNQUOTE. AS ADVISOR TO SHAIKH  
RASHID, TAJIR HAS ASSISTED COSTAIN IN OBTAINING CONTRACTS FOR  
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SUCH LUCRATIVE PROJECTS AS PORT RASHID (24 MILLION POUNDS),

DUBAI CEMENT PLANT (29 MILLION POUNDS), AND BBAI DRYDOCK  
(91 MILLION POUNDS), IN JOINT VENTURE WITH TAYLOR WOODROW.

3. ACCORDING TO ONE REPORT CIRCULATING IN DUBAI, TAJIR BOUGHT  
COSTAIN SHARES NOT FOR HIMSELF, BUT FOR HIS EGYPTPEN PARTNER,  
MOHAMMAD SAYED. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION FROM  
CAIRO OR LONDON ABOUT THIS PERSON AND HIS CONNECTION WITH  
TAJIR'S REPORTED INTEREST IN COSTAIN'S PARTICIPATION  
IN SUEZ RECONSTRUCTION.  
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